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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Subject: Request to Approve the Master Plan and Final EIS for Wai'anapanapa State Park in the District of Hāna, Maui

The twenty-year Master Plan for Wai'anapanapa State Park addresses the preservation of the natural and cultural resources, park visitation demands, and improvements to the aging infrastructure and facilities.

Projects recently completed were to retrofit the single comfort station for ADA compliance and to replace the cesspool with a septic system. Honokalani Road, the main park access road was repaved and speed humps installed for the safety of the public and residents who live along both sides of the park road. Planned improvements are intended to accommodate the high volume of sightseers and picnickers and to reduce conflicts with overnight campers and nearby residents.

Three privately owned historic cemeteries are within the park boundaries and are considered to be culturally significant due to the presence of remains of individuals of Hawaiian ancestry. A burial treatment plan was completed to protect and preserve these sites as well as to address concerns of the families of the people who were buried there. Responding to these concerns, a rockwall will be reconstructed around one of the cemeteries that is most impacted by the park visitors, along with appropriate signage to prevent any further disturbance to these sites.

Planned improvements include a new access road on land owned by the Department of Transportation between Hāna Highway and the park's northern boundary, relocation of the existing tent camping area, a new comfort station, and added parking near Pailoa Bay. Tent camping will be moved away from the more heavily visited day-use areas and to service the campers, a new comfort station will be built next to the campgrounds and the existing parks maintenance building.

To accommodate the increased demand for parking, additional parking will be provided at the end of the road where most of the visitors go to sightsee, swim, and picnic. The 12 existing cabins will also be replaced in the long-term phase of project implementation.

An environmental impact statement was prepared to provide the greatest opportunity for public input and participation. In the review of the potential effects of the planned improvements, no significant short or long-term impacts are anticipated. However, mitigation measures were developed to address any negative economic and environmental impacts that may occur. The Governor of Hawai'i accepted the EIS on May 14, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

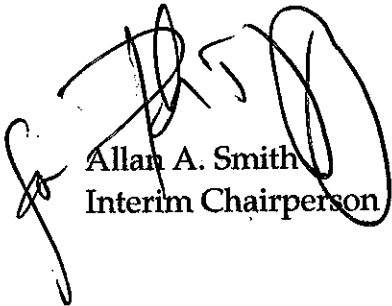
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Respectfully Submitted:



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